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Man with knives shot by police

Investigators believe he called 911 to report everyone in house would be killed

Howard County police officers responding to a call for a man with a knife were confronted by the suspect and forced to fire their weapons. The 61-year-old man was pronounced dead at the scene.

Shortly after 6:30 a.m., officers responded to the 5000 block of Montgomery Road in Ellicott City. A man called 911 twice reporting that a subject with a knife was at the residence and planning to kill the occupants. Detectives believe the calls were made by the suspect himself.

Three officers arrived at the scene and were confronted by a man with a knife in the front yard. One officer deployed a Taser weapon, but the man was able to run inside the house. A few moments later, he came back outside and again confronted officers with the knife. The officers repeatedly ordered the man to drop the knife, but he continued toward them. Two officers fired their weapons, killing the suspect. Two large knives were found at the scene.

Family members advised police that he had been recently talking about suicide. One family member was home at the time of the incident and was uninjured.

Police are continuing to investigate the circumstances. The officers will be placed on paid administrative leave during an internal investigation, which is standard procedure following a shooting incident.

This is the second police-involved shooting in Howard County this week. Both cases involved suicidal subjects. Over the last five years, Howard County police have had five other shooting incidents, two fatal. In one non-fatal case last year, officers exchanged gunfire with a suspect who shot a police officer. Both the officer and suspect later recovered from their injuries.

Additional information will be released as it becomes available.

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